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4-H FOLKS IN FOCUS

Everyone attending Congress had an enjoyable time and learned more about 4-H. The results show our members worked hard this year. Spencer Drange (Leadership) and Andrew Rath (Community Service) won state awards. Steffanie Gabel placed 6th in individual Horse Skillathon. Lacie Johnson placed 2nd in Stir Ups. Our Livestock Judging team placed 3rd. Team members were: Carson & Dustin Huntington, Hailey Rae, and James Whitmus. Cortlin Beck placed 2nd in Fashion Revue.

Congratulations!

Roni Baker
Yellowstone County 4-H/Youth Agent
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COUNTY AWARDS

A committee is beginning to work on county awards. Your help is needed. Contact Roni at the Extension Office if you want to give input to the committee or serve on the Awards Committee. (baw/12/11/06)

FAIR 4-H AMBASSADOR DANCE

All 4-H and FFA members and alumni are invited to attend the Yellowstone County 4-H Junior Leaders Dance to be held on Wednesday, August 12 at the Expo Center, Large Arena. The dance will be held from 8:00 to 10:00 pm. Grab your friends and join the fun!

MONTANA 4-H LEADERSHIP FORUM

The 2015 State Leadership Forum will be held in Havre this year. Please join us for "Harvesting Seeds of Leadership" October 2-4. The Forum is open to all 4-H volunteer leaders and teens from across the state.

Event brochure and registration will be posted soon at www.montana4h.org/#program:24

BLACK HILLS REC LAB

October 4-9, are the dates for the 2015 event held at the Outlaw Ranch near Custer, SD. This camp is for adults and teens 16 or older. It teaches leadership and personal growth through recreation. This year's theme is "Back to Basics". Black Hills Recreation Leaders Lab, for decades, has cultivated leaders who have become widely known experts in their fields of leadership, youth development and recreation.

Rec Lab is an experiential learning environment, offering relevant, marketable knowledge and skills that positively influence your impact on the world. Complete information and registration forms are available at the Extension office or call Karen Ward @ 406-932-6747 or Kreg Hamburger @ 406-640-6183.

MONTANAFAIR ENTRIES

I would encourage members and parents to enter items at the MontanaFair in the Open classes. All of the forms and entry information are at www.montanafair.com by looking under "Exhibitors". You can enter gardening, sewing, crafts, artwork, and many other categories. ~ Roni



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MONTANAFAIR GATE TICKETS

Yellowstone Valley Electric is again sponsoring your way into the fair, they have donated fair entry tickets. Each 4-H member entered in the MontanaFair will get a 9-day wristband this year. Normally to get into the fair each day, it would cost \$8.00 for 13 - 64 years old and \$5.00 for 6 - 12 years old and seniors. Kids 5 and under are free.

PLEASE let them know how much you appreciate their support. Every family should send a thank you note! Send a thank you note to:

Yellowstone Valley Electric
P.O. Box 249
Huntley, MT 59037

4-H BUILDING & BIG R FUNDRAISER

Several 4-H members and leaders worked the hot dog booth at Shipton's during their parking lot sale in June. Shipton's provided the hot dogs, buns and drinks, and all proceeds were donated to the 4-H Building remodel! Efforts raised an amazing \$2,196. Remember to thank Shipton's for their support of 4-H and these 4-H members and leaders:

City Kids: Carla & Logan Helland, Colbee Hoffer, Jessie & Jodie Kauffman

City Slickers: Andrew, Emily & Linda Rath

Cool Clovers: Aldon, Celia & Paisley Jaeger, Heather McMorris, Tia & Nicky Schlosser

Extension Office Staff: Leslie Idstrom

Huntley Eagles: Gina Loose, Tara Welborn, James, Jordyn, Justin & Stephanie Whitmus

Kountry Kritters: Kyleigh Boheman & Garrett Ledger

Ruff Riders: Cathy, Lucas & Valerie Dekker, Jared Pfeiffer, Marley & Valory Seely

Shepherd Pioneers: Stephanie Gabel, Annie, Steve & Vicki Holle

Shepherd Tumbleweeds: Abby, Dave & Neil Wittorff

Yellowstone Silver Spurs: Kelsey Beck, Jeff & Jennifer Laszloffy, Katie & Kylie Ostermiller, Hailey Rae, Pam Rickard, Lindey Schneider, Amanda & Christy Smith, Saul & Wendy Vacca, Abby & Grace Wagner

4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development is recruiting energetic, involved 4-H members to serve on three different governing bodies: (1) the Montana 4-H Council, (2) the Montana 4-H Foundation, and (3) the Montana 4-H Youth Cabinet. Requirements follow:

- You must be at least 14 years of age by October 1, 2014.
- You must not have served as a state 4-H ambassador officer.
- You must have been involved in the Montana 4-H program for at least 3 years.
- You must be willing to serve a 2-year term if a junior, a 1-year term if a senior this fall in high school.
- You must be willing to actively participate in all meetings - both virtual and real time.
- You must have the approval of your county agent.

For more information and applications, contact the Extension Office.

4-H ICE CREAM BOOTH AT MONTANA FAIR

All clubs in Yellowstone County are required to work the ice cream booth during fair. Funds raised in the ice cream booth go to the 4-H Council to provide funds for 4-H projects and activities. Each club working a two hour shift will be given two gate admission tickets. The schedule below indicates your club's assigned times. Thank you for making the 4-H Ice Cream Booth a success.

2015 Ice Cream Booth Club Work Shifts

Saturday, August 8

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Big Sky Thunderbolts
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Blue Jeans & Boots
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Ruff Riders
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Ruff Riders
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Shepherd Tumbleweeds

Sunday, August 9

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Worden Riverdale
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Worden Riverdale
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks & Out of County clubs
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Yellowstone Mavericks

Monday, August 10

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Laurel Roadrunners
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Laurel Roadrunners
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Boots n Britches
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Boots n Britches & Blue Jeans & Boots
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Project Rockin Wranglers

Tuesday, August 11

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Cool Clovers
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Cool Clovers
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Ruff Riders
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Lockwood Humble B's
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Lockwood Humble B's

Wednesday, August 12

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Explorers
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Explorers
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Big Sky Thunderbolts
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	City Kids
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	City Kids

Thursday, August 13

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Shepherd Pioneers
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Shepherd Pioneers
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Northern Lights
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Huntley Eagles
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Huntley Eagles

Friday, August 14

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Kountry Kritters
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Kountry Kritters
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Hesper Hustlers
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Hesper Hustlers
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Lockwood Outlaws

Saturday, August 15

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	City Slickers
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	City Slickers
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Yellowstone Mavericks
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Yellowstone Silver Spurs
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Yellowstone Silver Spurs

PURCHASE ICE CREAM COUPONS FOR THE 4-H ICE CREAM BOOTH

How about a special treat for your 4-H leader, 4-H members, grandpa and grandma, a special neighbor, or someone who helped you with your 4-H project. Ice cream coupons are available at the Extension Office to purchase and give to that special person. You can also purchase

these tickets for \$2 each or five for \$8 in Department N on Interview Judging Day. They can be redeemed at the 4-H Ice Cream Booth at the MontanaFair for a terrific ice cream cone.

INTERVIEW JUDGING DAY MONDAY, AUGUST 3

Everyone who enters Department N (non-livestock) for fair will **need to be at Interview Judging Day, Monday, August 3.** Bring all non-livestock entries to the Expo Building Small Bay. 4-H clubs are scheduled either for the morning or evening.

If you come at a time other than your scheduled time, you will wait until all scheduled clubs are finished being judged - unless special arrangements have been made prior to the week of Interview Judging with Roni Baker. If you have more than 25 exhibits, you must come in the morning, even if your club is scheduled for the afternoon shift.

The judging schedule has been split into four sections to make the waiting time for members smaller.

CLUB INTERVIEW JUDGING SCHEDULE**10:00 am - 2:30 pm (Check in begins at 9:30 am)**

Yellowstone Silver Spurs	Blue Jeans & Boots
Hesper Hustlers	Lockwood Humble B's
City Kids	Huntley Eagles
Boots - N - Britches	

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm (Must check in by 1:30 pm)

Cool Clovers	Yellowstone Mavericks
Shepherd Pioneers	Northern Lights
Blue Creek Jumping Bucks	

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm (Check in begins at 4:00 pm)

Project Rockin Wranglers	Ruff Riders
Big Sky Thunderbolts	Lockwood Outlaws
Out of County	

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm (Must check in by 7:00 pm)

Shepherd Tumbleweeds	Worden Riverdale
City Slickers	Kountry Kritters
Laurel Roadrunners	Explorers

Contact Chris Martin @ 248-1425 if you cannot make your club's scheduled time.

FAIR JUDGES

Your input on names of people who are qualified to be judges in all areas of the MontanaFair is needed. Bring the names and full contact information for potential livestock judges to the Livestock Meeting on September 23, 2015. These dates are set early so judges can be contact early. Names of potential judges can be given to the Extension Office at any time, but we will discuss and recommend livestock judges at the September meeting. Names and contact information for Department N judges need to be brought to the Dept. N meeting on October 1, 2015. Your input is very important.

NATIONAL YOUTH SUMMIT SERIES

The National Youth Summit Series is open to all student in grades 9-12 (as of September 2015). The summits are created to empower young people to be well-informed citizens who are actively engaged in their communities and our world. The series focus on aerospace, robotics, maker, health living, and agri-science. Summits are held at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, MD.

Students attend in teams comprised of two to eight youth and are accompanied by an adult mentor/chaperone. For series dates and registration information, visit: www.nationalyouthsummit.org

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST WINNERS

Winners of the monthly photography contest are:

May category was photographer's choice

- 1st Hailey Rae
- 2nd Anne Holle
- 3rd Sydnee Hansen
- 4th Jorion Lokken
- 5th Alexa Jorgenson

Thank you to our judge- Ben & Brandi Marting from Three Forks, MT.

June category was animals

- 1st Jorden Trupka
- 2nd Jazmyn Kronewitter
- 3rd Jorion Lokken
- 4th Hailey Rae
- 5th Brett Wohlgenant

Thank you to our judge- Jared Pfeiffer from Billings, MT.

July category was scenic (natural or landscape)

- 1st Jorion Lokken
- 2nd Jazmyn Kronewitter
- 3rd Jorden Trupka
- 4th Sydnee Hansen

Thank you to our judge- Jenny Peterson from Seattle, WA.

Top prize awarded at fair will be the member with most accumulative placing points over all 7 months (Jan.- July).

4-H SUPPORTERS

Many businesses and organizations in our community support 4-H. Each month I have been listing several of those supporters in the newsletter. I would encourage you to tell them thank you and support them in return. If you would like to submit names for this article, please send them to Roni.

Riverside Sand & Gravel	Rick & Brenda Kraft
K4 Cattle	Northern Livestock
Auto Auction of MT	Thomas Shows
Western Ag Reporter	Vermilion Ranch
J & L Livestock	

DEPARTMENT N NEWS ...

DEPT N POST FAIR MEETING

The Post Fair meeting for Department N will be held on **Thursday, September 3 at 6:00 pm** in the 4-H Building.

CAKE KIDS

Remember cake meets next **Tuesday, July 28**, at 6:30 pm at the Courthouse, Room 105. Come join us and work on your fair projects. Cakes will keep until interview judging. Bring supplies needed to do your fair project(s): cakes, icing (* Remember to add meringue powder to your icing this time), edible goodies, boards for techniques, tips. REMEMBER, for fair especially, all boards should be the shape of the cake and must be 2" larger than the cake. Character cake boards should be cut in the general shape of the cake. Also ALL boards should be **DOUBLED!!** so that the cake will not crack during transport, especially after drying for a week. The boards

should also be covered with foil. If you want help, bring your foil and a glue stick to the meeting. RSVP to the Extension Office at 256-2828 or to Carol at 839-7420.

ACTIVITIES IN DEPARTMENT N

In Department N (Expo Small Bay) we want to have as many activities going on as possible. If you are interested in doing a presentation, workshop, talk about the 4-H program, trips or activities, please contact Roni at the Extension Office at 256-2828. A list of activities being held in Department N will be posted each day in the department. We also hope to have it ready for you to pick up on Interview Judging Day. Come learn about 4-H Congress, Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington D.C., National Congress in Atlanta or one of the other many opportunities available in 4-H.

FAIR PACKETS

Remember to pick up your fair packets on Interview Judging Day, **Monday**, August 3 between 10:00 am - 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the Expo Building Small Bay at MetraPark. Even if you are not participating in Dept. N Interview Judging, you can stop by and pick up your fair packet. Be sure to read all information carefully.

SCAVENGER HUNT

Visit Department N each day during fair to participate in "The Hunt". There will be a list of 10 items which are hidden in various club booths. The items will be moved to different booths each day. Complete a form identifying when where you located the items and your name will be put into a daily drawing for prizes. Prizes include night show tickets, ride tickets and 4-H items.

BIG SKY STATE GAMES SHOTGUN RESULTS

Congratulations to the 4-H shotgun members and leaders who participated in the Big Sky State Games. All did well!

Sporting Clays

Mason Bender	Silver
Peyton Thornburgh	Bronze

Trap - Individual

Barry Bender	Silver
Dawson Bender	Gold
Mason Bender	Silver
Spencer Drange	Silver
Jon Harris	Bronze
Andrew Rath	Bronze
Jacob Siewert	Gold
Payton Thornburgh	Gold

5 Stand

Dawson Bender	Gold
Mason Bender	Bronze

Trap - Team

Gold: Dawson & Mason Bender, Andrew Rath, Jacob Siewert, & Peyton Thornburgh
Bronze: Barry Bender, Spencer Drange, Jon Harris & Tyler Thornburgh

Thank you to all the families who attended to support the members. Jon Harris, Shotgun Leader

DEPARTMENT N INTERVIEW JUDGING

Interview Judging of 4-H projects will take place on **Monday, August 3** in the Expo Center Small Bay. It is suggested that you park in the lot next to Metra and come in the small doors at the front of the Expo Center.

Members not able to be present for judging must complete an Absentee Interview Judging Form for each project being entered. Forms are available at the Extension Office.

CLUB BOOTH SET UP: The area for your club will be designated and as the items are judged the member will take them to the club booth area.

ALL FOODS WILL BE DISPLAYED IN FOOD AREA. Each club booth will have a set up display area. In addition, we will have shelves, risers, tables and some glass cases as necessary. Please be creative and bring other items you feel would best display the projects from your club. (i.e., a chair, coffee table, coat rack, painted boxes, colorful fabric, etc.)

YOUR CLUB BANNER WILL BE THERE FOR YOU TO USE. If you borrowed yours from the office, be sure to bring it with you. If you need to construct a new one, please have it ready for fair.

PARENTS please note: The interview judging process is a wonderful learning opportunity for your member. It takes time to communicate with the judge the new skills learned and for the judge to evaluate and teach. Please plan for your member to be involved with the judging for 1-2 hours. This will be a great opportunity to assist where needed and visit with other 4-H families.

PROCEDURE FOR INTERVIEW JUDGING

1. **REGISTRATION TABLE**: Pick up your entry blanks and tags at the time assigned to your club. If you did not complete all the items you listed on your entry blank, be sure they are crossed off at the registration table and the tags for those items are discarded.
2. **TAGGING**: Pins, staples and tape will be available at the tagging tables. You will need to securely attach each tag to the exhibit.
3. **JUDGING**: Choose a project area you want to be judged on and stand in that line until you are taken to your judge. When you have completed the judging of those project items, get your next project and wait in that line until you are judged.
4. **RIBBONS**: When the judge has finished marking your entry blank and tag with the placing, you will take the project to the ribbon area where a ribbon will be attached.
5. **DISPLAY**: Once the ribbons are on your items, take them to your club booth area in the Exhibit Building.

CHECK OUT OF EXHIBITS

ALL exhibits **must** be removed from the 4-H area **Sunday, August 16 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**. If you are unable to pick up your exhibits, please make arrangements for someone else to do so. Be sure to leave a list and description of the items with the person so items are not missed.

DEPARTMENT N CLERKS

4-H has an outstanding group of clerks this year! If you have any questions, look for one of the following people:

Gayle Breeding	Kassie Haack
Sherri Horsman	Carrie Krug
Julia Lober	Hope Martin
Briana West	Crystal West
Crystal West Jr.	Laura Yothers
Chris Martin - Superintendent	
Karen Postema - Superintendent	

LIVESTOCK NEWS ...

DEPARTMENT A – LIVESTOCK POST FAIR MEETING

The post-fair meeting for livestock will be held
Wednesday, August 26, 6:00 pm Courthouse Rm. 105.

SKILLATHON HELPERS THANKS

We wish to recognize and thank the following 4-H leaders and parents who helped make the Skillathon run smoothly and provided an excellent setting for learning. We also thank those that did not sign the helpers sheet - we appreciate everyone who helped.

Jodie Drange	Kathy Teter
Tammy Peterson	Cathy Muessig
Kristina Murdick	Angie Murdick
Dave Anderson	

SHEEP STARTER FLOCK AVAILABLE

Youth interested in beginning their own sheep flock have a unique opportunity through the Montana Columbia Sheep Breeders Association. The association is giving away a starter flock consisting of four registered Columbia ewes of various ages. Youth between the ages of 11 and 16 that are interested in this opportunity can contact Luanne Wallewien at wallywld@northerntel.net or call 406-937-2775 for details and application materials for starting their own flock.

HORSE MEMBERS

For fair, follow the dress code on the Yellowstone County Horse Supplement and in the Exhibitors Handbook, not the dress code in your project book. Be sure to read the rules in your packet at check in.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Borrowed from Dr. Doug Householder, Texas A&M University

One family has this set of rules hung in the dressing room of their horse trailer:

When I compete, I...

Have a performance goal...never a "beat someone else" goal.

Evaluate my own performance.
 Respect and learn from other competitors more skilled than myself.
 Don't criticize other exhibitors, officials or judges.
 Do my best today.
 Enjoy my friends and become more skilled through today's competition.
 STAY HOME IF I CAN'T FOLLOW THE RULES!

HORSE HELMETS

You can purchase white Troxel horse helmets through the Extension Office for \$20. An order was recently placed. Please call to see if they have arrived before coming to the Extension Office.

HORSE MEETING/HORSE MIXER

A mandatory meeting for all horse members and parents participating in the fair will be held in the Super Barn at 3:00 pm on Thursday, Aug. 6. A Horse Mixer will be held at 6:30 pm, Thursday, Aug. 6 at the Super Barn. There will be food! Come help us celebrate the opening of fair. All 4-H members are invited.

REEDS SKIPPA DANDY VERSATILITY AWARD

The Reeds Skippa Dandy Versatility Award will again be awarded following the MontanaFair 4-H Horse Show this year by the Taylor and Marcotte families. The traveling trophy and ribbon metal are awarded to the High Point Horse in memory of Reeds Skippa Dandy, who spent 18 years in the 4-H program with three separate 4-Hers; Joey Lynn (Taylor) Henry, Jay Taylor and Amanda Marcotte. Dandy was the pure definition of "Versatility".

In order to qualify for this award, a one-horse/one-rider combination must compete in at least four different disciplines from the following: showmanship, western, english, trail, bareback, hunter hack, pleasure driving, ranch horse, reining, games and team penning. Good luck to you all. ~ From the Taylor and Marcotte Families

SHOWMANSHIP CLOTHES

Limited sizes of white shirts, black and white pants are available at the Extension Office. Bring an old one to trade or just come get one for fair. Everyone is welcome!

PROCEDURE FOR REPORTING EXCESSIVE ADULT INVOLVEMENT

Please use common sense in all situations. Know the whole story and do not make assumptions about what is going on in the incidents you are observing. For example, excessive adult involvement does not include a parent holding an animal for the next class when the member is in the ring showing another animal or when a parent is helping lead a steer to tie-outs. Examples of excessive adult involvement include a parent cleaning a pen or a professional fitter grooming an animal. At the time of the incident, the **4-H/FFA member** needs to:

A) Contact the Division Chairman and discuss the incident they observed. The Division Chairman will then visit with Roni Baker, Extension Agent about the incident. **OR**
 B) Contact Roni Baker, Extension Agent, and discuss the incident they observed. This can be done through the 4-H Office in the Expo Center. Roni will then visit with the Division Chairman in that species.

The members can then go to the individual with their sticker and politely state their concern about the excessive level of adult involvement with the member's project.

First Infraction

The youth and adult needs to give the sticker. The Division Chairman needs to write up information about the incident including the incident as reported, time, date, species, etc. This document will be filed in the 4-H Office.

Second Infraction

The second report is a written warning. This warning must include two signatures. The letter will include the consequences for a third infraction.

Third Infraction

Consequences for the adult and youth involved with the adult may be serious and have a lasting effect. Consequences may include expulsion, loss of premium money, expulsion from future fairs or any other consequence determined by the committee. The committee will consist of the 4-H Extension Agent, Department A Superintendent(s) and the Division Chairman.

ROUND ROBIN TRAINING CLINICS

Want to brush up on your showmanship techniques? The Small Animal Round Training Clinic will be held on Monday, Aug. 10, at 6:30 pm, Expo arena. The Large Animal Round Robin Training Clinic will be held Wednesday, Aug. 12, at 5:30 pm, Expo arena.

FAIR ANIMALS

Be sure your animals are healthy when coming to the fair. Animals need to be lice free, in good condition and healthy overall to come to the fair.

AFFORDABLE PET VACCINATION CLINICS

On the 2nd Saturday of every month, a Pet Vaccination clinic offered by "A Home Vet" will be held at Shipton's Downtown from 10 am - noon and Shipton's Westend from 2 - 4 pm. No appointment is necessary. For dog or cat: Rabies \$20; Vaccine \$25.

SPORTSMANSHIP AT THE FAIR

Parents - please show good sportsmanship and respect to the judges at the fair. DO NOT argue with the judge - his/her word is final - please set a good example.

DEPARTMENT A CLERKS

This year we have some great clerks. If you have any questions, look for one of the following people:

Kim Bender	Shelby Dalke-Shaw
Trish Hays	Brenda Hermanson
Carrie Krug	Kat Luhman
Connie McQuire	Gina Loose
Ann Mills-Low	Audrey Selph
Deb Barta-Grice - Co-Superintendent	
Melody Harris - Co-Superintendent	

COSTUME ANIMAL PARADE

Anyone can enter in the Costume Animal Parade, Wednesday, August 12 at 6:30 pm **Entries are due by**

5:00 pm on Wednesday, August 12. You can get the forms at the 4-H Office at the Courthouse or in the Expo Center. You do not have to enter it on your fair entry.

MARKET ANIMAL EXHIBITORS

Market Animal Alert!! - If any medication or medicated feed has been used, **make sure** that withdrawal times have been met **before** your animals are taken to the fair. If you have any questions on withdrawal time, read the label on feed sacks, bottle of medication or consult a veterinarian. If an animal tests positive, **it may be condemned** and that could affect our livestock sale in the future.

FAIR LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Just a reminder that on Friday, August 14, the Livestock Judging Contest will be held at the fair. This is one of the three contests that determines our Livestock Judging teams for the 2015–2016 year.

You do not have to enter this on your entry form but you must register on **Friday, August 14 before 9:00 am.** **Judging begins at 9:00 am, so come early.** There will be a Junior and Senior Division. Individuals cannot enter both 4-H and FFA. Classes to be judged may include: Market Lambs - Breeding Sheep - Market Beef - Breeding Beef - Market Swine and Breeding Swine - Market Goats.

ATTENTION CLUB TEAMS - You must have a full team when you register. Once you register as an individual, you will not be allowed to change. We also need adults to serve as group leaders. For more information, see Page 10 in your Dept. A Exhibitors Handbook or contact the Extension Office at 256-2828.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE

It is in everyone's best interest to contact buyers for the sale on Saturday, August 15, at 12:30 pm This could include your relatives, doctor, dentist, veterinarian, grocery stores, gas stations, banker, insurance agent, etc. If you know of someone you would like the Sale Committee to contact and/or send tickets for the buyer's dinner, please contact any of these committee members: Trish Hays - 875-2152 Shayne Vandivort - 373-5473 4-H Office - 256-2828 Brenda Bromenshenk - 656-7173

FAIR PREMIUMS

If there is a problem with your premium dollars for the MontanaFair, call the Extension Office by **October 30**. All mix-ups need to be fixed before this date because the fair accounts are closed out until the next year.

PREMIUM CHECKS

Premium checks will be voided 120 days after issue date. MetraPark will be enforcing the 120 day cancellation notice. Any checks not remitted for deposit/cash will be null and void after check issue date has expired.

JR. LIVESTOCK SALE CHECKS

For individuals selling livestock: The Sale Committee will be taking a percentage of your premium money (money made over and above the market price) for expenses of the sale. Your check will be mailed separately from your MontanaFair premium check. **Once all of the buyers have been paid and your thank you note has been sent, please notify the Extension Office so we can mail you your check.**

FAIR THANK YOU NOTES

After the fair is over, it would be very appropriate for each 4-H family to send thank you notes to the following individuals for their support of 4-H and the fair.

Yellowstone County Commissioners
P.O. Box 35000
Billings, MT 59107

MontanaFair Board Chairman	Farmers Oil Union
P.O. Box 2514	Worden, MT 59088
Billings, MT 59103	(For ice cream floats)

Yellowstone Valley Electric	Pat Goggins
P.O. Box 249	Western Ag Reporter
Huntley, MT 59037	P.O. Box 30758
(Gate tickets partial sponsor)	Billings, MT 59107
	(Buyer's dinner partial sponsor)

CLUB CORNER

The following clubs turned in club minutes this month.

Big Sky Thunderbolts – The club scrapbook is almost ready for fair. Other fair plans were discussed.

Lockwood Humble B's – We brought items for the Food Bank and talked about fair.

Northern Lights – We planned the club BBQ and fair details.

Shepherd Pioneers – Members gave reports about their projects. We had a seat belt demonstration and talked about our club campout.

Yellowstone Mavericks – Fair plans were finalized.

BLUE RIBBON INTERVIEWING SKILLS

Read and practice before your interview during fair.

Why should you develop good interviewing skills? –

Interview skills are a necessity of life. As you grow up you will be interviewed for scholarships, jobs, committees, etc. You will also want to interview other people you wish to hire to do jobs for you. Some examples are babysitter for your children, person hired to mow your lawn or paint your house.

Tips for Making a Good First Impression...How to Introduce Yourself.

1. Dress appropriately
2. Look at the interviewer
3. Shake hands with the interviewer
4. Smile!
5. Introduce yourself...*Hello, I am* _____.

What to do after the Introduction

1. Sit down
2. Lean slightly forward
3. Look at the interviewer

The Actual Interview – At some point you will be asked about your project. This is your big chance to impress the judge! Be excited about your project. Explain why you chose this particular project and why it interests you. Tell the interviewer about any problems you encountered, and how you overcame them. Be prepared to talk about your project for at least 3 minutes. Make a list of things you can talk about, and practice talking about them before the actual interview.

Remember, if YOU are not excited and enthusiastic about your project, how can you expect the interviewer to get excited about it? It is okay to be nervous - most people are. The judges understand - they have been there before themselves. Don't let the nervousness ruin your chances for a good interview.

Closing of the Interview – Wait for some indication from the interviewer that the interview is finished. Thank the interviewer, smile, shake hands again, and exit.

Role Play – Practice shaking hands and introduce yourself. Practice telling someone else about your project. Practice will help you to be more comfortable at your interview.

What's Not Cool? Believe it or not, all of these have happened during the 4-H interviews:

- * Thumb sucking or fingernail biting
- * Gum chewing
- * Bad grooming...dirty hands or fingernails, unwashed or uncombed hair, dirty clothing
- * Hair twirling
- * Wimpy handshake...but a wimpy one is better than none
- * Eating food or drinking pop
- * Avoiding eye contact with the interviewer
- * Holding your head up with your hand
- * Looking bored or disinterested
- * Not knowing why your project is neat, special, great or exciting. If it wasn't at least interesting to you, why would you bother to spend so much time doing it?

You may be asked questions like:

- * What did you like best about this project?
- * Why did you choose this project?
- * Have you taken this project before?
- * What other things did you make or raise this year?
- * What makes this a good project?
- * What did you learn from this project?
- * How much did it cost?
- * Did you receive help making (raising) your project?
- * Do you plan to take this project again?
- * If you don't like this project, what will you try next year?

SHOWMANSHIP TIPS

Tidy Up – Waiting to go into the ring? Make sure your animal is clean and you are neat, too. Spit out the gum!

Dress Nicely – You and your clothes should be neat and presentable. Remember you are selling yourself and your skills; your appearance and salesmanship are very important to the Auction.

Smile – You will look like you are enjoying yourself. A smile is also a good tool to mask frustration if your animal is not doing what you would like it to do.

Brush – After the judge touches your animal, remember to brush the hair back. You might not think the judge is looking, but s/he is! Besides, why are you carrying that brush around? Use it!

Look – at the judge as you enter the ring and frequently as you show; remember to smile.

Footwear – For your safety, wear sturdy leather, hard soled shoes. If an animal steps on your foot your injury will be less serious.

****Remember to review the 4-H Showmanship Guidelines booklet from the Extension Office.****

4-H LINGO

We realize that 4-H lingo can be overwhelming. These terms will help you become more familiar with 4-H.

Clover – A magazine style publication that lists all of the projects that are available in the Montana 4-H program (county projects available are not included in the Clover). It includes a brief description of some of the things that a member can do in the project, what project books are available, and what age range the project is recommended for. The Clover also has articles of interest about 4-H.

County Awards – An event held in the fall of each year to recognize people on the county level. Awards are presented to individuals, clubs, leaders and community supporters.

County Project – Projects that have been developed at the county level, but have not grown to the state level. They are listed on a separate sheet and included in the newsletter.

4-H – An informal education program offered to all youth regardless of race, color, national origin, and place of residence or handicap. The Montana program is conducted by Montana State University, the United States Department of Agriculture and county Extension Offices. 4-H is open to all youth between the ages of 6 and 19 (must still be in school).

PRACTICE THE 4-H PLEDGE

I pledge...

my **head** to clearer thinking,
 my **heart** to greater loyalty,
 my **hands** to larger service, and
 my **health** to better living for
 my **club**, my **community**,
 my **country**, and my **world**.

We remind members and leaders to embody the 4-H Pledge during this busy time at MontanaFair.

HEALTHY BY DESIGN GARDENERS' MARKET SEEKING VENDORS

The market is held every Thursday through Oct. 1 at South Park. Market hours are 4:30-6:30 pm. Vendors can set up any time after 3:00 pm. There is no cost to vendors; the market's goal is to provide an outlet for healthy, local and affordable fruits, vegetable, herbs, mushrooms, flowers, nursery stock, plants, eggs, and handcrafted products. For more information, visit: www.healthybydesignyellowstone.org/initiatives/gardenersmarket/ or call 651-6444 or email: market@healthybydesignyellowstone.org



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